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SUBJECT: TEXTILE CONSULTATIONS

1. (BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED) THE FOLLOWING TOPICS WERE DISCUSSED AT TODAY'
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CONSULTATIONS:

A. CATEGORY 640. ROKG PROPOSED MERGER OF CATEGORY 640
DRESS SHIRTS AND 640 OTHER BEGINNING IN 2ND AGREEMENT
YEAR. THEY POINTED OUT THAT U.S. DOES NOT MAKE A DISTINCTION
BETWEEN DRESS AND "OTHER" SHIRTS IN ANY OF ITS OTHER
BILATERALS. U.S. DEL SAID WE WILL RESPOND AT A LATER
TIME AFTER INTER-AGENCY CONSIDERATION IN WASHINGTON.

B. LEATHER PATCH APPAREL. ROKG PROPOSED ADDITIONAL
LEVELS IN CATEGORIES 633/634/635 AND 645/646. U.S.
REITERATED POSITION: NO, TRADE FIGURES SHOW THAT KOREA
IS SHIPPING VERY LITTLE SUCH APPAREL.

C. CATEGORY 433/434. ROKG PROPOSED PROPORTION SHIFT
BETWEEN 433 AND 434 FROM CURRENT 66 PERCENT/34 PERCENT
TO 90 PERCENT/10 PERCENT RESPECTIVELY. ROKG CLAIMS
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NO SHIPMENTS OF CAT 434 IN 1977. TRANSLATION SHOWS
ALLOCATION OF OLD CATEGORY 121 TO NEW CATEGORIES 433
AND 434 AS 66.1 PERCENT (CAT 433) AND 33.9 PERCENT
(CAT 434) BASED ON TRADE YE 12/31/76. CAT 434 TRADE
IDENTIFIED IN TRANSLATION UNDER OLD CAT 121 TSUSA 380.0245
DOES NOT APPEAR IN TQ. PLEASE CLARIFY. US DEL WILL RESPOND
TO ROKG PROPOSAL AT A LATER TIME AFTER INTER-AGENCY

DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON.

D. ATHLETIC SHIRTS. ROKG SAYS THAT MMF ATHLETIC SHIRTS WERE FORMERLY CLASSIFIED UNDER OLD CAT 223 (UNDERSEAR, KNIT) AND SHOULD NOW BE PROPERLY CLASSIFIED UNDER NEW CAT 652 (UNDERWEAR). HOWEVER, ROKG MAINTAINS THAT ATHLETIC SHIRTS ARE BEING CLASSIFIED UNDER CATEGORIES 638 AND 639 (KNIT SHIRTS). MOBLEY WAS GIVEN SAMPLE SHIRT FOR CUSTOM'S CLASSIFICATION BUT ROKG HAS NOT YET RECEIVED REPLY. ROKG PORPOSES A) ATHLETIC SHIRTS BE CLASSIFIED UNDER CATEGORY 652, OR, FAILING THAT, B) INCREASE CURRENT CAT 638/639 LEVEL BY 200,063 DZ AND DECREASE CAT 652 BY LIKE AMOUNT. PLEASE CABLE STATUS OF CLASSIFICATION.

E. SYNTHETIC FELT LINER PROBLEM BEING COVERED BY SEPTTEL.

F. INFANTS SNORKEL JACKETS. ACCORDING TO ROKG THESE ITEMS WERE CLASSIFIED UNDER CAT 634 INSTEAD OF CAT 635 DUE TO LACK OF TSUSA. DURING HIS LAST VISIT MOBLEY TOLD ROKG HE WOULD LOOK INTO MATTER AND INFORM THEM HOW PROBLEM WOULD BE RESOLVED. ROKG SAYS THAT PROBLEM STILL EXISTS; I.E., SHIPMENTS OF INFANT SNORKEL JACKETS CLASSIFIED BY ROKG AS CAT 635 ARE REFUSED ENTRY BY CUSTOMS WHO CLASSIFY THEM AS 634. PLEASE CABLE YOUR COMMENTS. (END UNCLASSIFIED)

2. (BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) NOH, CHIN SHIK, ROKG TEXTILE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NEGOTIATOR HAS BEEN FORCED TO RESIGN BECAUSE OF THE APARTMENT HOUSE SCANDAL HERE. HIS REPLACEMENT IS LEE, MAN YONG FROM GENEVA. THE CURRENT CONSULTATIONS REPRESENT NOH'S SWAN SONG. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE).

3. (BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED) TWO DAYS CONSULTATIONS WERE CONDUCTED IN A BUSINESSLIKE AND FRIENDLY FASHION - A SHARP CONTRAST TO THE HK CONSULTATIONS. GLEYSTEN

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